

# Battle of Antietam 148th Anniversary Programs



Antietam National Battlefield will present a series of programs to commemorate the 148th Anniversary of the Battle of Antietam. Fought on September 17, 1862, Union and Confederate Armies clashed for twelve hours over the rolling fields outside of Sharpsburg, Maryland. When the sun set, over 23,000 soldiers had been killed or wounded in what is considered the bloodiest one-day battle in American History.

## Sunday, September 19, 2010

- Program:** Hike (In Depth): West Woods  
**Time:** 8:00 a.m. (Duration 2 ½ hours) Distance: 2 miles  
**Location:** Meet at the New York State Monument  
**Description:** This hike will focus on Confederate attack into the West Woods
- Program:** Ranger Led Automobile Tour  
**Time:** 10:00 a.m. (Duration 2 ½ hours)  
**Location:** Visitor Center Observation Room  
**Description:** Ranger provides overview at visitor center, take your own car and meet the Ranger at Cornfield, Sunken Road, & Burnside Bridge.
- Program:** Hike (Overview-Cornfield and West Woods)  
**Time:** 10:30 a.m. (Duration 1 ½ hours) Distance: 1 mile  
**Location:** In front of the visitor center.
- Program:** Hike (In Depth): Mutual Extermination: Attack and Defense of the Sunken Road  
**Time:** 11:00 a.m. (Duration 2 ½ hours) Distance: 2 miles  
**Location:** This program will begin at the visitor center.  
**Description:** This hike will explore the terrain and the action around the Sunken Road.
- Program:** Infantry & Sharpshooter Firing Demonstrations  
**Time:** 11:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.  
**Location:** Visitor Center  
**Description:** Infantry and Sharpshooter firing demonstrations. Camps open all weekend.
- Program:** Artillery Firing Demonstrations  
**Time:** 11:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.  
**Location:** Visitor Center  
**Description:** Artillery firing demonstrations. Camps open all weekend.
- Program:** Hike (Overview-The Bloody Lane)  
**Time:** 12:30 p.m. (Duration 1 ½ hours) Distance: 1 mile  
**Location:** Visitor Center Patio
- Program:** Orientation Talk  
**Time:** 12:30 p.m. (Duration 30 minutes)  
**Location:** Visitor Center  
**Description:** Join the ranger for a thirty minute overview of the battle.

Program: **Ranger Led Automobile Tour**  
Time: 1:30 p.m. (Duration 2 ½ hours)  
Location: Visitor Center Observation Room  
Description: Ranger provides overview at Visitor Center, take your own car and meet the Ranger at Cornfield, Sunken Road, & Burnside Bridge.

Program: **Hike (In Depth): Artillery Hell**  
Time: 2:00 p.m. (duration: 2 ½ hours) Distance: 2 miles  
Location: Hike starts at the visitor center  
Description: This program will focus on the use of artillery on the morning of the battle.

Program: **Infantry & Sharpshooter Firing Demonstrations**  
Time: 2:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.  
Location: Visitor Center  
Description: Infantry and Sharpshooter firing demonstrations. Camps open all weekend.

Program: **Artillery Firing Demonstrations**  
Time: 2:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.  
Location: Visitor Center  
Description: Artillery firing demonstrations. Camps open all weekend.

Program: **Hike (Overview-The Burnside Bridge)**  
Time: 2:30 p.m. (Duration: 1 ½ hours) Distance: 1 mile  
Location: Hike starts at the Burnside Bridge parking area.  
Description: Hike focuses on the action at Burnside Bridge and the final attacks that ended the day.

Program: **The Antietam National Cemetery Walk**  
Location: Meet local author and historian, Rev. John Schildt at the National Cemetery on MD. RT 34  
Time: 3:00 p.m.  
Description: This program will explore the history of the National Cemetery.

Program: **Orientation Talk**  
Time: 3:30 p.m. (Duration 30 minutes)  
Location: Visitor Center  
Description: Join the ranger for a thirty minute overview of the battle.

Program: **Orientation Talk**  
Time: 4:30 p.m. (Duration 30 minutes)  
Location: Visitor Center  
Description: Join the ranger for a thirty minute overview of the battle.

*Please note that all programs will take place rain or shine. If you have questions about any program, please call the park visitor center at (301) 432-5124. For the most up-to-date information check our park web site [www.nps.gov/anti](http://www.nps.gov/anti)*